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SUBJ: HONORING DR. ALBIN WIDEN

- 1. DR. ALBIN WIDEN, SWEDISH CITIZEN RESIDING STOCKHOLM, GRAND OLD MAN OF SWEDISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, IS CELEBRATING HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY MAY 24. REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH US MIGHT HONOR HIM ON THAT DAY.
- 2. IS THERE ANY MEDAL OR OTHER DISTINCTION THE US COULD AWARD AT SUCH AN OCCASION? IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE, EMBASSY PROPOSES A LETTER FROM VICE-PRESIDNET MONDALE TO WIDEN. DRAFT TEXT OF SUCH A LETTER SENT VIA AIR.
- 3. WIDEN STUDIED ETHNOLOGY AT STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY, RECEIVED HONORARY DR. PHIL. FROM UPPSALA UNIVERSITY 1976 FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SWEDISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE HEADED SWEDISH INFORMATION BUREAU IN MINNEAPOLIS 1942-47. HE IS THE ORIGINATOR OF THE "SWEDISH-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD WHICH SINCE 1959 HAS BROUGHT EACH SUMMER A DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN OF SWEDISH DESCENT TO SWEDEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE VASA ORDER OF AMERICA, SUCH AS FORMER GOVERNOR (NOW SENATOR) WENDELL ANDERSON AND EWALD NYQUIST, NY STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION. AS A WRITER AND PROMOTER OF CONTACTS, WIDEN HAS MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SWEDISH HERTIAGE IN USA. HE IS WELL-KNOWN AS THE AUTHOR OF THIRTY BOOKS, SEVERAL IN ENGLISH, MOST IN SWEDISH, MANY OF WHICH DEAL WITH SWEDES IN US AND IMMIGRATION UNCLASSIFIED

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